Pending cases and vacant posts of Judges in Delhi High Court

1178. SHRII A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases which are pending before the Delhi High Court as on the 31st July, 1988;

(b) the number of cases which are pending for more than (i) three years; (ii) five years and (iii) ten years, category-wise figures;

(c) what is the number of vacancies that are there in the Delhi High Court as on 31st July, 1988; date of each vacancy and date on which vacancy was filled in during the last three years;

(d) the number of cases which were admitted and disposed of during the same period; and

(e) what steps are being taken to fill up each vacancy and to dispose of long pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a), (b) and (d) As per information furnished by the Registry of Delhi High Court, the position has been indicated in the Statement-I annexed. (*See* below)

(c) The position has been indicated in the Statement-II annexed. (*See* below)

(e) The selection of Judges involves deliberation in consultation with the concerned Constitutional authorities and is a continuous process. The Government makes all possible efforts to ensure that vacancies of Judges are filled in expeditiously. To expedite disposal of cases, the following steps are being taken in the High Court:—

(i) Cases involving common questions are being grouped together;

(ii) Matters are fixed for hearing by giving short returnable dates;

(iii) Printing of records is dispensed with, in many cases; and

(iv) Priority is given to cases requiring quick disposal.

Statement - I

(a) Number of cases pending before Delhi High Court as on 1.1.1988 77447

(b) *Position as on* 1.1.1988 :

	Pending over 3 years	Pending over 5 years	Pending over 10 years
Civil	33118	19768	4224
Criminal	1691	1034	29
TOTAL	34809	20802	4253

(d) The number of cases instituted, and disposed of during the years 1985, 1986 and 1987 are as under :

Year	Number of cases instituted	Number of cases disposaled of
1985	37129	39177
1986	38431	29274
1987	39548	38367

Statement - II

As on 31-7-1988, there were 3 vacancies of permanetnt Judges and 2 vacanceies of Additional Judges in the Delhi High Court . These posts are vacant from the dates indicated below :—

(i) 5-10-1987

(ii) 23-10-1987

(iii) 10-02-1988

(iv) 17-03-1988

(v) 17-06-1988

From 1st August, 1985 till 31st July, 1988 fresh appointment of Judges/Additional Judges were made on the following dates in Delhi High Court :

(i) 24-4-86

(ii) 8-7-86

(iii) 8-7-86

(iv) 17-11-86

(v) 17-11-86

(vi) 17-11-86

(vii) 10-7-87

(viii) 28-5-88

Poll campaign by TV stars

1179. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the statement of some prominent citizens of Delhi protesting against poll compaign by television stars during recent Allahabad election as published in 'The Hindu' of 15th June, 1988; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) Government have seen the press report.

(b) These are matters to be considered by the Election Commission for taking such appropriate action as may be necessary in consultation with the Electoral Officers of the States concerned in accordance with the provisions of the Election Laws.

Recruitment of Chief Executives and Directors in Public Sector

1180. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided that only in special cases recruitment may be made from the organised civil sevices to fill up vacancies of Chief Executives and functional Directors in Public Sector enterprises; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?